GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
PERSONNEL,PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:4810
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RTI ACT
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Will the Minister of PERSONNEL,PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Right to Information Act has been proved to be ineffective as no effective arrangement has been made in the States under this Act;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor;

(c) the details of the procedure being followed to provide information under Right to Information Act, State-wise;

(d) whether substantive information is made available to the applicants under the said Act;

(e) if so, the reasons therefor;

(f) whether the Semi-Government, the Non-Governmental Organisations and the Government recognised institutions also come under the ambit of the said Act; (g) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor; (h) whether `file noting` comes under the purview of Right to Information (RTI) Act; (i) if so, whether the DoPT has put up in their website information showing that `file noting` do not come under RTI Act; and (j) if so, the reaction of the Government in this regard?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS.(SHRI SURESH PACHOURI)

(a) & (b): No, Sir. All the States, except the State of J&K, are under statutory obligation to implement the Right to Information Act, 2005. All these states have constituted State Information Commissions.

(c) to (e): All public authorities under the Central Government and the State Governments are required to provide information as per provisions contained in the Act. The information is provided through the Central/State Public Information Officers.

(f) & (g): All organizations including the semi-government organizations and Government recognized institutions established or constituted or owned or controlled or substantially financed by the Government and non-government organizations substantially financed by the Government come under the ambit of the Right to Information Act, 2005.

(h) to (j): The DOPT on its website has stated that the term information as defined in Section 2(f) of the RTI Act does not include `file notings`.